

BOOK REVIEWS

JAIN, S.K. and ROBERT A. DEFILLIPPS. 1991. **Medicinal Plants of India** (Two Vols.). Reference Publications, Inc. 218 St. Clair River Drive, Box 344, Algonac, Michigan, 48001, U.S. \$94.95. 847 pp.

This book is the most recent addition to Reference Publications "Medicinal Plants of the World" and focuses on the richness of medicinal plant species on the Indian subcontinent and the role of these species in the health delivery systems of the Indian population. The text surveys plants used in Western, Ayurvedic, and Unami medicine. Plant names are provided in Hindi, Sanskrit, English and in regional dialects. Within the book, both families and genera within families are listed alphabetically for ease of access. Included are medicinal, vernacular name, and botanical indices as well as a bibliography.

This beautifully illustrated book combines the insight of traditional medicine with current scientific thought and is an excellent contribution to the field of medicinal botany. *Joe Kuban.*

LA CROIX, I.F., E.A.S. LA CROIX and T.M. LA CROIX. **Orchids of Malawi**. A.A. Balkema Publishers, Old Post Road, Brookfield, Vermont 05036. Hardbound. \$70.00. 358 pp.

A very well done book with beautiful photographs on Malawi Orchids. This is also the first book to cover all of the Malawi Orchids. In chapter 1: the authors describes the Climate and Geography. Chapter 2: Includes both Terrestrial and Epiphytic Orchids in their Natural Habitats. Chapter 3: Cultivation. Chapter 4: Describes the Structure of the Orchid Flowers. Chapter 5: Classification. Chapter 6: Key to Genera. There is a list of Malawi Orchids, References and a Glossary. There are 275 illustrations, 283 maps and 120 color plates. This book is a good reference for anyone interested in Malawi Orchids. *Krishna Puttaparthi.*

NABIL EL-HADIDI and LOUTFY BOULOS. 1988. **The Street Trees of Egypt**. (ISBN: 977-422-173-8, Revised Edition 1988) 130 pp. (Columbia University Press, 562 West 113th Street, New York, N.Y. 10025). Price: \$15.00.

This book is well written by two known Botanists. There are over fifty illustrations of the most common trees of Egypt's cities. This book includes the description of trees, Glossary of Botanical terms, Index to Scientific Names, Index to Vernacular Names, and Arabic Index. This book could be used by foreigners and also the Egyptian students of Botany and Agriculture. *Krishna Puttaparthi.*

ED GRIME, WILLIAM. 1979. **Ethno-Botany of the Black Americans**. Reference Publications, Inc., 218 St. Clair River Drive, Algonac, Michigan 48001. Hardbound, \$24.95. 237 pp.

Ethno-Botany is the study of the use of plants by indigenous people and in the case of this book the Black Americans. This book is divided into two major parts. The first part dealing with the plants that the Black people brought with them and the other part describes the native plants they employed on their arrival. This book has ten chapters, includes an index to scientific names and index to common names. This text will be helpful for any studying the Blacks and their contribution of plants. *Krishna Puttaparthi.*